

REMARKS

Claims 10, 35, 37-40, 49, and 65-74 have been canceled. Claims 1, 27, and 41 have been amended. After entry of the present amendments, claims 1-9, 11-34, 36, 41-48, and 50-64 remain in this application.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 27, and 41 to include the limitations of dependent claims 10, 35, and 49, respectively, which call for encrypting the transmitted information. In the Advisory Action dated February 7, 2006, the Examiner asserts that converting to hexadecimal "is considered to be encryption." Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Encryption has a well understood meaning to those of ordinary skill in the art, and Applicants submit that the techniques cited by the Office Action from Raven et al. do not constitute encryption. Raven clearly does not teach encrypting the transmitted information.

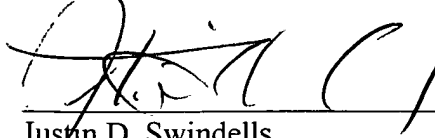
Applicants request that the Examiner enter these amendments to place the application in better form for appeal, which will materially simplify or reduce the issues for appeal. Applicants reserve all rights respecting the canceled claims and do not concede that they are not patentable in view of the cited references. However, for purposes of simplifying the issues for appeal and to place the application in better form therefor, Applicants submit that the instant amendments should be entered.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47079-00107USD1.

Respectfully submitted,



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